

*Strikes balance between civil liberties and needs of intelligence community*

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) applauded passage of the RESTORE Act, H.R. 3773.

The RESTORE Act, H.R. 3773, passed today by a vote of 227 to 189.

“The RESTORE Act strikes a balance between the constitutional rights of American citizens and the need for the intelligence community to conduct electronic surveillance necessary to protect the United States from terrorism and other threats to national security.”

The RESTORE Act enables the intelligence community to conduct the electronic surveillance necessary to protect the United States from terrorism and other threats to national security.

The RESTORE Act eliminates any ambiguity about foreign to foreign communication by making clear that the intelligence community may intercept such communications if they are necessary to protect the United States from terrorism and other threats to national security.

The legislation also includes a new provision that allows intelligence agencies to apply for a court order

In reviewing applications for such “blanket” court orders, which would be valid for up to one year, the FIS

- That the government’s proposed minimization procedures to reduce the amount of irrelevant inform
- That the targeting procedures take reasonable steps and are designed to target only people outside
- That there are guidelines in place to ensure that if a target becomes a person in the United States

The ability to seek such warrants addresses expressed concern about the need to seek individualized w

In addition, the bill takes other steps to increase oversight by requiring the Justice Department’s Inspect

This legislation corrects the lack of protection for innocent Americans in the Protect America Act, a bill w

